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Education & Public Health Department
G.O.Ms.No. 4CO8,dated 6th Decr. 1947.

READ: -
ORDER:

The Health Survey and Development Committee has made the following observations regarding the making of compost manure:-

*In some towns, the night-soil is mixed with refuse and a compost is made. This is a good way of "converting waste into wealth", but the process has disadvantages of which the handling of night-soil is perhaps the greatest. Another is that it may promote fly-breeding, unless adequate precautions are taken. These include the carrying out of composting in masonry trenches or on masonry platforms and under a roof in those areas where the monsoon rains are heavy. On the whole, after weighting carefully the hazard to health against the gain in manure, we are inclined to discourage composting, unless the handling of night-soil can be prevented and other necessary precaution can be taken. We would, however, advocate composting as an excellent method of disposal of the dung of cattle and other animals."

2. The Government realize the value of compost-manure for agricultural purposes and would encourage its manufacture on a large scale. The manufacture of this by what is known as the Bangalore method, involves little handling of the night-soil as compared with other methods and should be adopted, wherever possible. The Government wish however to impress on the Director of Public Health and the Director of Agriculture the need for taking adequate precautions in connection with the process, with a view to avoiding any danger to health, which is likely to result from it.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To
The Director of Public Health,
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